



South Carolina Fact Sheet



South Carolina Birth Data 2010

Variable	U.S.	State	Previous Yr.	1 Year Change	State Rank**
% of births to unmarried mothers (2010)	40.8	47.5	47.6	-0.1	5 (tie)
% Receiving early prenatal care (2009)†***		66.5	65.8	+0.7	
Cesarean delivery rate(2010)	32.8	35.0	35.3	-0.3	11
Preterm birth rate (2010)	12.0	14.2	14.5	-0.3	4
Teen birth rate (2010)‡	34.3	42.5	49.1	-3.6	11
Low birthweight rate (2010)	8.1	9.9	10.0	-0.1	4

**States are categorized from highest rate to lowest.

***Percentage receiving prenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy.

†27-state and Puerto Rico reporting area.

‡Number of live births per 1,000 females aged 15-19.

- Data not available.

South Carolina Leading Causes of Death, 2009

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths in 2009 (State)	2009 State Death Rate (deaths per 100,000 population)	2007 State Death Rate	2009 U.S. Death Rate	2009 State Rank
1. Heart disease	9,068	182.1	192.9	180.1	19
2. Cancer	9,123	179.5	186.7	173.2	17
3. Chronic lower respiratory disease	2,317	46.5	44.0	42.3	22
4. Stroke	2,400	48.8	53.4	38.9	3
5. Accidents	2,229	47.8	53.0	37.3	12 (tie)
6. Alzheimer's disease	1,478	30.6	30.9	23.5	6
7. Diabetes	1,128	22.5	26.2	20.9	17 (tie)
8. Influenza and pneumonia	759	15.6	15.8	16.2	28 (tie)
9. Kidney disease	893	18.0	17.3	14.9	14 (tie)
10. Suicide	619	13.1	11.7	11.8	25 (tie)

Other South Carolina Data

Variable	State	U.S.
Infant mortality rate (2009) (deaths per 1,000 live births)	7.09	6.39
Percentage of persons without health insurance (2010)	n/a	16.0
Marriage rate (2010) (per 1,000 population)	7.4	6.8
Divorce rate (2010) (per 1,000 population)	3.1	3.6†
Percentage of Adults Living in Households with only Wireless Phones (July 2009 - June 2010)	25.8	23.9

†Excludes data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota.

- Data not available

Sources: Health Insurance data come from [Health Insurance Coverage: Early Release of Estimates From the National Health Interview Survey, 2010](#); 2008 pre-natal care data come from [National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 59, No. 7, Supplemental Tables](#); 2010 preliminary birth data come from [National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 60, No. 2, Supplemental Tables](#); 2010 preliminary teen birth data come from [Data Brief #89: "Birth Rates for U.S. Teenagers Reach Historic Lows For All Age and Ethnic Groups"](#); infant mortality data come from [National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 59, No. 10, Table 22](#); leading cause of death data come from [National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 59, No. 10, Table 19](#) and **rankings and rates are based on 2009 age-adjusted death rates**. States are categorized from highest rate to lowest rate. Although adjusted for differences in age-distribution and population size, rankings by state do not take into account other state specific population characteristics that may effect the level of mortality. When the number of deaths is small, rankings by state may be unreliable due to instability in death rates. For more information on age-adjustment, click [here](#). Marriage and divorce data come from unpublished tables from the [Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC](#); wireless phone data come from [National Health Statistics Reports, No. 39](#).

